

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION DAY

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2007, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office will join the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State to conduct the first in a national series of anti-counterfeiting and intellectual property protection programs; and

WHEREAS, piracy of intellectual property by counterfeiting brand-name products and stealing trademarks poses a clear and present danger to both our economy and to the safety and health of our people; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers are seeking more information on how to fight back against product counterfeiting; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies across this State are looking for new ways to fight the spread of this crime in their counties and cities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public's vital interest to be protected from harm by consuming in any form, counterfeit brand products; and

WHEREAS, both the national Chamber of Commerce and the federal Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office have recognized the groundbreaking anti-counterfeiting efforts of the N.C. Department of the Secretary of State by holding their first in a series of combined events in partnership with this State Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 13, 2007, as "**NORTH CAROLINA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION DAY**" in North Carolina and commend this observance to all citizens.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.